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From: Reeves, Linda
Sent: Fri 9/18/2015 4:26:10 PM
Subject: RE: Access - PLO 2198 Lands

Hi Fern,

Let me know if you need anything else.

Best regards,

Linda

Q: Is this part of the USEPA grant to clean up the mines?

A. EPA does not have a grant to cleanup the Bibo Trespass mine, the Haystack No. 1 mine and the Section 24 mine; however, we have issued an enforcement action to Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), a potentially responsible party. EPA plans to enter into an Administrative Order with BNSF to clean up the mines. The purpose of the upcoming site visit is to show BNSF the mine sites.

Q: Do we know who owns(ed) the mine?

A. We believe that this mine is on PLO 2198 Lands under the jurisdiction, custody and control of BIA. Previously, the land and mineral rights were owned by BLM.

Q: Is an orphan mine?

A. No. BNSF is a potential responsible party.

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From: Becenti, Fern [mailto:fern.becenti@bia.gov]
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Good Morning Linda,

These are the questions this Region's Environmental Services Office (RESO) asked:

Is this part of the USEPA grant to cleanup the mines? Do we know who owns(ed) the mine? Is an orphan mine?

Please provide response so that I may inform the RESO office. Thank you.